

NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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Comments:

Exit access requirements
concerning wheelchair lifts in
existing stair

Question: What is the requirement when a wheelchair lift is installed in an existing stair?

Response: The requirement for a wheelchair lift to be installed in an existing stairwell are as follows:

The lift shall not encroach the required stairway width by more than 50 percent. This measurement shall be taken while the wheelchair lift is in the folded down and widest position (turning on the landing) at the narrowest point of the stair.

Requirements for a lift shall meet accessibility guidelines:
Platform lifts (wheelchair lifts): In alterations, complying with 4.11 and applicable state and local codes may be used as part of an accessible route. The use of lifts is not limited to the four conditions in exception 4 of 4.1.3(5).

Lifts shall be operated independently and the user shall remain in the wheelchair.

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